

TOPICS FROM THE THEATRE.

NO HANDS CLAPPED FOR VERSES THAT LAUD TAMMANY.

Much Applause for Lipton, but Not Any for Croker—Rose Coghlan Returns to the Legitimate Stage in Charles Reade's Comedy of "Peg Woffington."

An extravaganza called "The Ladies' Paradise" is being performed at the Metropolitan Opera House. Josephine Hall sings a topical song. It is an imitation in manner of the one that she did so well with several years ago, the refrain of which contained "Mary Jane's a Top Note." Again Miss Hall sacrifices her good looks to the ugliness of a coquettish London girl, and again she devotes her ability to a comic song. This time the primary theme being the things that will happen "When Anastasia Makes Her Debut." This is well done, and the audience likes it until additional verses relating to New York are reached.

On Tuesday night several of these stanzas were laughed at and applauded. The actress and thirty accompanying chorus girls retired after each jocular jingle and were recalled. Then Miss Hall sang one which treated the anti-vote crusade equivalently, leaving the impression that the intention was to ridicule it, and there was no applause. Nevertheless, she came out again and sang of hearty good will to Sir Thomas Lipton, but hoping that he would not win "when Shamrock II makes her debut." The approval of that was tremendous, and the soloist and chorus returned with smiling faces and restored tawdryness. Miss Hall glanced at her fan, where she evidently had written some rhymes not fully memorized. They began with allusions to police corruption and ended with the declaration that all that's wrong will be righted when "B. Croker makes his last loss of the Tammany campaign." Utter silence ensued. There was not one laugh. The audience seemed astonished by the audacity of the offence. The distance from the intentions of that big stage to the real life never seemed so great to Miss Hall than before. She was not called back for an encore. All last season mention of Croker in theatres had been greeted with mingled applause, hisses and laughter. But the subject seems to be taken seriously now.

CANTON HOSTESSES' ERROR.

Invite Distinguished Mourners From Washington to Dinner Parties.

CANTON, Ohio, Sept. 18.—Much interest was awakened this evening among the passersby in the vicinity of the house of Mrs. George D. Harter, where President Roosevelt is staying, by the sight of a number of carriages rattling up to the door out of which issued army and navy officers in full uniform and a number of other distinguished visitors here. It was supposed for a time that the President had summoned them and that some important conference was on.

Then somebody remembered that in one of the evening papers here was the announcement that Mrs. George D. Harter had issued invitations for a large party at dinner, and that at the home of Mrs. Isaac Harter and Miss Buckingham there were to be similar gatherings, and that a celebrated Cleveland caterer had come here to devote his talents to the occasion. The same newspaper item announced that President Roosevelt would dine quietly at 6 o'clock, and that the gathering in the evening would be later.

This, in fact, proved to be the explanation of the arrivals at the Harter house and at the homes of Miss Buckingham and Mrs. Isaac Harter. The army and navy officers could not understand what it all meant.

Admiral Crowninshield said that when he received his invitation it was an order from the President. Gen. Miles, who arrived this evening in his private car from Portland, Ore., did not respond, and great numbers of others who thought there must be some mistake likewise abstained themselves.

In fact, so many of the sixty or more who received invitations did not respond that the dinners at the houses of Miss Buckingham and Mrs. Isaac Harter were abandoned, and of those who went to the house of Mrs. George D. Harter many went away as soon as they learned that they were there under a misapprehension.

Of course President Roosevelt knew nothing of the arrangements his hostess had made, at least not until after the affair developed by the arrival of guests.

He dined quietly with General Miles and then retired to his room, where he remained in seclusion the rest of the evening.

SUPREME COURT SUSPENDS HIM.

Lawyer Cahill Was Accused of Conspiracy in Divorce Case.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 18.—The Supreme Court to-day suspended for two years John Francis Cahill, a Newark lawyer, who was accused of collusion in attempting to get a divorce for Miss Mamie Kifer from her husband Frank W. Kifer. The Supreme Court's opinion was filed by Justice Fort, who says he is pleased to say that the case is now over and the kind of record in the history of the New Jersey bar is being set.

According to the evidence Justice Fort says it was shown to the court's satisfaction that Mr. and Mrs. Kifer came to Cahill's office together to consult about procuring a divorce. It was agreed that Mr. Kifer would begin the suit, among other things, by the filing of ten affidavits to secure the captain and sergeants have been subjected to the same harsh treatment that the policemen have received.

Mr. Cahill's friends declare that the two key affidavits he has prepared have resulted in the policemen strictly obeying the rules and that they no longer take any chances. There are few who will accept this explanation, because everybody knows that the policemen take the rules very seriously and that they did not know that it would be a difficult job for their superiors to catch them in violations of the rules.

The city is no better patrolled now despite the fact that the policemen are working under the three-shift system, when they were offered better protection and better services to the city.

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